

## Court Information Release



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### **U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois Now Accepting Applications for the Position of U.S. Magistrate Judge**

CHICAGO, Ill. – Chief Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer announced today that the U.S. District Court will now be accepting applications for the position of U.S. Magistrate Judge, Chicago duty station.

“We invite the application of all qualified attorneys who wish to join the court’s exceptional Magistrate Judge bench,” said Chief Judge Pallmeyer.

A Merit Selection Panel composed of attorneys and other members of the community will review all applications and recommend to the judges of the court, in confidence, a list of the persons whom it considers best-qualified. The panel is statutorily required to include at least two non-lawyers and cannot include any sitting judge.

“We are confident in this esteemed and diverse panel to assess and qualify Magistrate Judge candidates. The court thanks the panel for agreeing to undertake, on a volunteer basis, this vital work for the people of the Northern District of Illinois,” said Chief Judge Pallmeyer.

This U.S. Magistrate Judge position is a full-time position with an eight-year term of office and a duty station at the Everett McKinley Dirksen U.S. Courthouse, 219 S. Dearborn Street in Chicago, Illinois. The duties of the position of a United States Magistrate Judge include conducting most preliminary proceedings in federal criminal cases, the trial and disposition of federal misdemeanor cases as well as civil cases upon consent of the litigants, conducting various civil pretrial matters, such as settlement conferences and other proceedings on reference from the district judges of the Court.

To qualify for appointment as a U. S. Magistrate Judge, an applicant must be a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of a State, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth

of Puerto Rico, or the Virgin Islands of the United States, and have been engaged in the active practice of law for a period of at least five years. The applicant must be less than seventy years of age and may not be related to a judge of the district court.

The application process is available on-line. For more information and to apply, please [click here](#). The application process will close at 5:00 p.m. on August 26, 2019.

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